

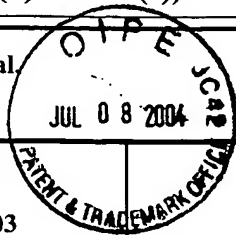
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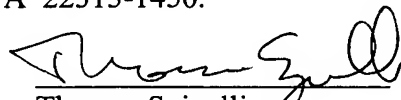
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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,483,641, dated November 19, 2002, issued to MacAulay;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,028,306, dated February 22, 2000, issued to Hayashi; and
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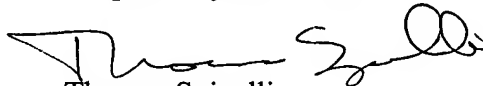
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The references were cited in a Search Report dated April 13, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. The above-cited references are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. A copy of the Search Report is being submitted herewith. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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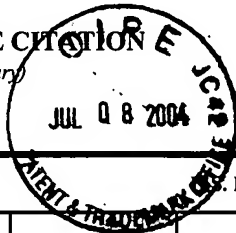
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